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**JOINT STATEMENT ON SPECTRUM MEETING BETWEEN FCC CHAIRMAN TOM
WHEELER AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF COMMERCE FOR COMMUNICATIONS
AND INFORMATION AND NTIA ADMINISTRATOR LAWRENCE E. STRICKLING**

“The Assistant Secretary and the Chairman applauded the agencies’ joint efforts to identify and make available spectrum previously allocated to federal use. Years of hard effort paved the way for the AWS-3 auction, in which 70 applicants qualified to bid, and ongoing bidding appears to signal considerable commercial interest in this spectrum. NTIA and the FCC continue to work collaboratively to make additional spectrum available for wireless broadband services and devices while protecting critical federal government missions. We discussed our progress to date in meeting our collective spectrum goals. We also committed to continue our productive joint efforts to make spectrum available in the 3.5 GHz and 5 GHz bands, in addition to studying new candidate bands with a focus on spectrum sharing between federal and non-federal users.”

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